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MINUTES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DEC ~2 2005 FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS _ _ _ .

CR-05-00009-001

December 2, 2005 8:46 a.m.

(SEALED MATTER) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs. JOSE CRUZ ALDAN aka "Joe"

PRESENT: HON. ALEX R. MUNSON, CHIEF JUDGE PRESIDING

MICHELLE C. MACARANAS, COURTROOM DEPUTY

SANAE SHMULL, COURT REPORTER

TIM MORAN, ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

DANILO AGUILAR, ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

JOSE CRUZ ALDAN, DEFENDANT

PROCEEDINGS: INITIAL APPEARANCE / ARRAIGNMENT

Attorney Danilo Aguilar appeared on behalf of defendant Jose Cruz Aldan who was present. Government was represented by Tim Moran, AUSA. Also present was Margarita Dlg. Wonenberg, U.S. Probation Officer.

Courtroom was sealed.

Defendant was sworn and advised of the charges against him in the indictment and his constitutional rights.

Court, after review of the defendant's financial affidavit, determined that the defendant did qualify for a court appointed counsel and ordered that Attorney Danilo Aguilar be appointed nunc pro tunc..

Defendant waived reading of the indictment and pled **NOT GUILTY** to the charges against him. Court ordered jury trial to begin on **MONDAY**, **February 6**, **2006 at 9:00 a.m.** Pretrial motions to be filed no later than December 16, 2005.

Government moved that the defendant be detained with a \$10,000 bail at this time. Attorney Aguilar reserved on the matter of bail for another time.

Court remanded the defendant back into the custody of the U.S. Marshal until further order of the Court. Government moved to unseal the case. Court so ordered.

Adj. 8:50 a.m.

Michelle C. Macaranas, Deputy Clerk